

**SOUTHWEST PARK**

**Candles for Kiddies' Cakes Big Problem of Local Mothers**

By RUTH FOSTER  
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Anybody who went from store to store frantically searching for 35 candles to put on Aunt Cressie's 40th birthday cake a while back, chances are the party-minded mothers of our tract got there before you. Mrs. Gerald Thompson might have been one of them. Young Jimmy had need of them when his birthday was celebrated Dec. 20. Sister Nancy who is eight, must have been a great help in preparing for the treasure hunt in which Terry Chamberlain, Betty and Jerry Schwarz, Dolly Worthington, Terry Ferkle, and like Scott participated, (whew!) Gene Parchen was there, hunting excitedly and enjoying the games as much as he had at Cynthia Dawson's party a few days before.

After a few rounds of musical chairs and a table of ice cream and cake, the party was over . . . almost. Mrs. Thompson made Jimmy's day really full by including a movie and banana splits for

him. Nancy, and their little girl friend, Terry Chamberlain.

Another candle captor could have been Mrs. "Bud" Read. She had a party for Nancy on the 7th. On hand to see how a fourth birthday works were Neal and Dale Connell, Gail and Glenn Mitchell, Jackie and Albert Sparks, Randy Salcido, and the Read's two boys, Terry and Bruce.

Candle flames flickered and faded in the yard of Mr. and Mrs. George Griffin last Saturday.

The trio of tiny lights were extinguished by David who turned three the day after Christmas. Michele, Luke, and Johnny Madden witnessed the ceremony, as did Brent Smith, Cindy Foster, and Lyndel Rae James.

There was lots of playing until Mrs. Griffin's welcome interruption for ice cream, cake, and candy. Each of the youngsters were pleased to have a gift to take home.

If there seems to be an unusual number of empty cans awaiting pickup in front of the Joe De Orio's residence it might be attributed to a term of "bacheloring" on Joe's part while Mrs. De Orio and Elaine and Yvonne visit the children's material grandparents in El Paso, Tex. They are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hamsa.

All kidding aside, these men do alright in the kitchen, especially if they're sportsmen who have cooked their catch. As president of the Rod and Gun Club, De Orio has no doubt done this.

From the looks of things the coming year will be a prosperous one for the baby food manufacturers. In just three of December's happiest days an equal number of babies were born to tract parents.

It started when Kristine Elaine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Spooner arrived at Torrance Memorial Hospital Dec. 18. No, she was preceded by Karen Sue Clements the day before. Karen joined the

family of Mr. and Mrs. Roy D. Clements the 17th. Then on the 20th, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Van Fleet welcomed a boy, Walter, their fourth child.

Not everyone's travels are bringing them home with more passengers than they started with. Last Saturday the Earl Barackmans drove to Phoenix to see Earl's sister. By Tuesday they were home again, which sounds like some pretty concentrated traveling.

Several short jaunts to local points of interest have been occupying Mr. and Mrs. Milton Mitchell and family as they show her father, Eugene L. Juliat the sights and sounds of the Southland. Juliat is from New Orleans. Another important event on the Mitchell's agenda for December was their son Glenn's first communion at St. James Dec. 8. Glenn is 7.

The Warrent Pancakes had Yule time guests also . . . the Gene Shawgo family. Mrs. Pancake and Shawgo are brother and sister. Pan-

cake is very active in Scouting. He's also very concerned because must be put off simply because cause many of the Boy Scouts, desiring to earn merit badges, there is no board of review.

These men, four or five, would meet monthly at the school and listen to the boys as they qualify. No training is required and there would be no further service required of these individuals.

If you feel that Scouting is important and are willing to give the boys your support, call Pancake at FR 2-0013.

Nor is the board of review the only phase of service open. Also needed are Merit Badge councilor, ways and means contact man, and finance planner. While we're on this subject, it was Mrs. Leslie "Bud" Read and Mrs. Milton Mitchell who collected for the Scouts' share of the Community Chest.

Another special delivery . . . Robert Golden and his wife Betty became the parents of Michael Glenn Dec. 22. Weighing in at 7 lbs., 7 ozs. he will one day catch up with brothers Bobby, 8, and Gary, 5. The new home of the little lad is at 20011 Burin.



PRIZE BEEF PURCHASED . . . L. K. Coll, meat buyer for Jim Dandy Markets, is shown here with two of the "First Prize" winning cattle purchased at the Great Western Livestock Show. The show is an annual event sponsored by the 48th District Agricultural Assn. and features prize stock of 4-H clubs and Future Farmers of America. The prize beef will be offered in Jim Dandy Markets at no increase in prices, store officials say.

**LOMITA LIMELIGHT**

**Lomita Civic League Plans Discussion**

By ALICE PALCZEWSKI  
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The next regular meeting of the Lomita Civic League will be held at Narbonne High School, Little Theater, corner of 254th St. and Walnut, on Tuesday evening beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Business for the evening will include a report on the recent board of directors' meeting with Assemblyman Vincent Thomas. Also, L. E. Ross, chairman of the Committee Opposing Incorporation, will report on the present status of the incorporation movement, after which a discussion on the latest annexation action will take place.

A letter to Vincent Thomas requesting a legislative investigation of the charges, countercharges, and motives behind the annexation-incorporation dispute concerning Lomita will be read at the meeting for the approval of the members.

The meeting is open to the public and information on joining the league can be obtained from Mrs. Hazel Fay by dialing DA 6-4916.

The ladies of St. Mary's Guild of Saint Margaret Mary Catholic Church will sponsor a food sale on Jan. 5. A wide variety of foods, ranging from pastries to salads to casserole will be available. The sale will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Girls belonging to the Kiyadaw group of Campfire Girls brought a guest to join in the fun of their Christmas party. The girls played games and the members served fruit they had prepared themselves. A gift exchange took place.

The party held in the home of leader Helen Gleghorn was attended by Kiyadawes Judy and Diane Gleghorn, Diana Godell, Virginia Hubert, Terry Hamilton, Lorraine Gregory, Laura Kaufman, and Ann Rohl. Their guests were Linda Berry, Linda Hall, Judy Marsh and Bonnie Armes.

The group met Friday at the Gleghorn residence at 1546 W. 248th St.

The Newell H. Browns, of 2322 W. 250th St., entertained longtime friends from North Dakota. The guests, the Carl Bergmans, spent the holiday season enjoying the balmy Southern California sunshine and taking in the sights. Highlights of their stay was a trip to Disneyland and a trip to Pasadena to get firsthand view of the Tournament of Roses parade.

The breaking of the pinata was the highlight of the Christmas party held Dec. 28 for the Cubs and their families in Cub Scout Pack 255-C.

In keeping with the theme, "Christmas in the Americas," the boys heard of the customs followed at Christmas time in the Latin-American countries from den mother JoAnn Scrivner.

To bring the Latin-American spirit to the boys more clearly they participated in the breaking of a steer-shaped pinata filled with candy and nuts. They also broke confetti-filled eggshells on the heads of fellow cubs.

Toward the close of the evening each boy received a model plane to assemble and enter in a contest to be held during the January pack meeting. A prize will be given for the neatest model.

Business for the evening included welcoming John Acker and David Linn as new members.

Den Mother Corinne Hansen and the mothers of Den 2 served refreshments.

Pack 255-C, sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, held the party in the recreation hall of that church in Wilmington.

Belle Foy, supervisor at Lomita Park, announced that a doll tea will be held Jan. 12 beginning at 4 p.m.

Youngsters in the area are invited to bring their Christmas dolls and be served tea and cookies. The dolls will be divided into various categories including the prettiest, most lifelike, etc., for which ribbons will be awarded.

Mrs. Foy has also extended an invitation to housewives who would like to join in the women's gym class which meets each Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., followed by volleyball and tennis games until noon.

Once a month the women have a social with coffee and doughnuts.

The annual yo-yo contest held at Lomita Park will get under way during the week of Jan. 16 when the first preliminary contest will be held, with another during the week of Jan. 23. First, second and third place winners will be determined in the boy and girl divisions.

Ten basic tricks will be used and two chances, if necessary, will be given each contestant on each trick. Ten points will be awarded if the trick is completed on the first try; five points if completed on the second try, and zero if both attempts fail. All string must be wound on the yo-yo for successful completion of each trick.

At the conclusion of the 10 tricks, if a tie exists, the number of loop the loops will be increased 10 times, up to 50. If a tie still exists, the tricks of around the corner, through the subway, skin the cat, Texas cowboy, and the man on the flying trapeze will be used to determine a winner. The same scoring as on the 10

basic tricks will be used. Preliminary awards are shields for first, second and third places. Winners of the awards will compete in the playground championship for which both the girl and boy will receive a trophy and become eligible for the district finals.

District finalists will receive trophies and advance to the state regional competition. From there the boy and girl go on to the state finals. The state champion—boy and girl—each receive a \$500 cash scholarship each. Runners-up—boy and girl—each receive a \$250 cash scholarship.

Mrs. Belle Foy, park supervisor, said that yo-yo practice will be every Wednesday from 4 to 5 at the park.

During the recent meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star, Worthy Matron Alice Hansen and Acting Worthy Patron Al Crawford welcomed members of Chapter 591.

Phyllis Hamilton, junior past matron, filled the station of Adah and Junior Past Patron Oliver Hamilton filled the station of associate patron. The station of marshal was filled by Carolyn Graham.

Following the regular business Ethel Dowling and Al Crawford reported on the welfare of various ill or injured members. Other activities included the honoring of members with birthdays in December by Francis Jenkins playing a birthday march on the organ.

The business meeting was closed with a reading by Frank Tenny entitled "Why Was the Wise Man Wise?"

The members adjourned to the dining room where the tables were decorated with cypress branches and colored ornaments. The main table featured a centerpiece formed with poinsettias and candles combined with miniature trees. Each place setting was marked with a candy cane. Cake decked in holly and coffee and tea were served.

Refreshment chairman was Effie Gordon. Serving on her committee were Margaret Cole, Ellis McKay, Clair Laird, Dorothy Jackson and Mae McKwen.

I regret my column is so short this edition. It seemed I suddenly turned around and Christmas was here, and my shopping wasn't done. Right in the middle of the rushing around my 4-year-old cut his finger and later his head, both of which needed stitches. Adding to my disorganized state was my 19-month-old girl who slipped while climbing the walnut tree and got caught by the neck. She wasn't hurt but by this time I was completely "unstrung." I wish to thank those of you who have contacted me with stories and any of you who have items, club news, personal notes, a new baby, visitors, etc., please dial my number, DA 6-0788.

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